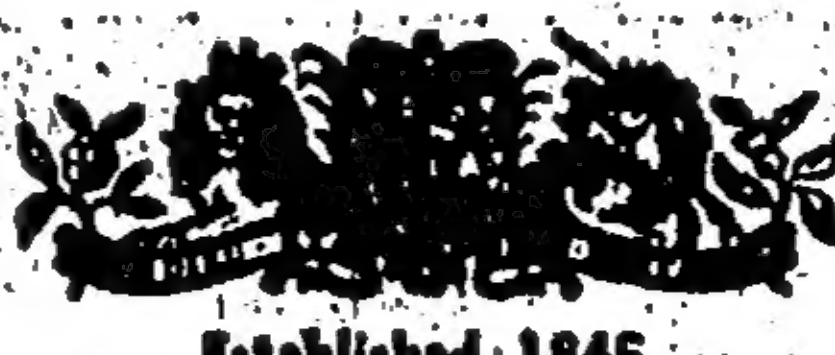


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

France And EDC

WEST European capitals are reacting with alarm to the compromise proposals to the European Army plan recently adopted by the French Cabinet. It is still not known whether the French compromise plan to be tabled at the Brussels conference of the six signatory nations will be proposed as a basis for discussion and negotiation or as a series of inflexible amendments. The EDC powers hope it is the former. So do President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill who regard the existing EDC plan already ratified by four participants as essential for the future defence of Europe. But if the French do intend to negotiate on their proposals and are persuaded to withdraw the most contentious amendments, M. Mendes-France will have to rely on a dwindling majority in the French Assembly to ratify the measure. As it is his compromise plan resulted in the resignation of three of his ministers and finally alienated the last remnants of Gaullist support, had M. Bidault remained Foreign Minister the chances of ratification were given as about 50-50. It would have been an extremely close vote at all events. Perhaps the most attractive feature of the new amendments to the French Assembly is this idea of making a final effort to come to terms with the Russians before putting the treaty into effect. This does not appeal to the Americans, however, since they believe the Russians must be approached from a position of strength. It is doubtful, too, whether Sir Winston Churchill cares very much for the idea even though he has spoken sincerely and earnestly of living in peaceful co-existence with the Communists. For Sir Winston believes that co-existence is only possible when the armed might of the Iron Curtain countries is counter-balanced by a similar strength on the Western side.

THE main fear of President Eisenhower is that the proposed French revisions may be so drastic that each nation would be obliged to repeat the long legislative process of ratifying them before they could come into force. One authority has suggested this may take as long as two years but to permit postponement of EDC would be to sanction indefinite delay. World conditions which demand a change in French eyes today may be such in two years' time as to make a further revision desirable. Again France wants integration of the European Army confined to forward zone troops and no time limit to be set for the preparation and establishment of a political union of the six states. If this is accepted, the supranational character of EDC virtually disappears. Furthermore the French Cabinet is seriously deluding itself if it imagines that integration of the various armies can be applied only to the forward zones of the EDC. Any senior NATO official (ironically its headquarters are at Fontainebleau near Paris) could have told the French Cabinet of their difficulties integrating just a few British and Dutch air force squadrons in Western Germany in the post-war years. Integration of a European Army—if it ever takes place at all—will take years of careful planning and even more careful execution. But if the French are adamant and feel that only an amended treaty can possibly receive the approval of their National Assembly the EDC powers will have to consider whether the compromise plan is better than no treaty at all. For that may well be the only alternative.

'LIFT EMBARGO' APPEAL BY CHINA

British Traders Warned: Europe Is Beating You

By DERYCK WINTERTON, London Daily Herald Correspondent and Franco-Press

Communist China today told British correspondents she wanted the embargo on strategic goods lifted. She also warned that Britain was in danger of losing opportunities of foreign trade with China. West European competitors—particularly West Germany and Belgium—were ahead of Britain in this expanding field.

I base my conclusion on a talk today with Lu Shu-chang, director of the China National Import and Export Corporation. "They are more interested in doing trade with China than Britain is," he said.

China had imported steel and machinery from these countries, while Britain was providing the shipping.

West Germany sent nine times more goods in 1953 than it did in 1952.

Mr Lu said that China naturally wanted the embargo on strategic goods lifted, but would be satisfied if, as reported, suggested by a member of the British Labour delegation, the embargo was confined to direct instruments of war. The Chinese official said that by 1952 Chinese agricultural production was 145 per cent of the 1949 output and this was the reason for China's sudden ability to consider expenditures abroad. At present, Mr Lu indicated, 70 per cent of China's trade was with the Soviet Union and Soviet bloc countries.

REPLIED 'YES'

Asked whether China was prepared to see this proportion reduced in order to expand trade with Britain, Mr Lu replied "Yes," but he added that the Chinese also expected their trade with the Soviet Union to increase just as with Japan and Western Europe, to increase. It is understood both sides agreed that Chinese-British relations are improving and

more trade would be bound to help. Mr Lu insisted that China would have an agricultural surplus to exchange for British machinery, locomotives and other goods because of the rising Chinese output. The large, though the land mutual aid co-operative movement, is to raise production by 30 per cent. Mr Lu referred coldly to the report in a British newspaper that China is offering weapons, tools and liquors for heavy machinery.

MISUNDERSTANDING

He said this seemed either misunderstanding or even misrepresentation. Asked whether any American goods were coming to China despite the embargo, Mr Lu said, "I think you can all see many American-made cars on the streets." It is true there are American cars in Peking, although the great majority are Russian, but the view of foreign embassies here is that none of these are less than two years old and certainly they do not look new.

15 Toasts At Banquet

By Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Special Correspondent

Peking, Aug. 18. Three Chinese Vice-Premiers took a prominent part in a banquet staged tonight for the British Labour mission by China's Parliament in the Peking Hotel.

Fifteen toasts were drunk. Many high Chinese dignitaries were among the 600 guests but Mr Chou En-lai, the Premier was not among them on this occasion.

The eight British visitors, headed by Mr Clement Attlee, were received with ceremonial acclaim by the gathering as they walked up the aisle between the red pillars of the green and gold banquet hall under the glare of spotlights and the soft glow of Chinese lanterns.

NO BARRIERS

Vice Premier Kuo Mo-jo, Vice President of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Republic Consultative Conference, rose before the dinner to pay tribute to the Labour mission.

He said its wide contacts with Chinese people of all creeds would undoubtedly promote mutual understanding and "thereby help to remove artificial barriers and relax international tension."

He added that the mission's visit would show the people of the world there should be no barriers between East and West. Mr Attlee, replying, said the purpose of the visit was to get to know the Chinese better and increase understanding between the British and Chinese people.

DESIRE FOR PEACE

"We sympathized with the Chinese in their long struggle against Japanese imperialism and against the forces of reaction in China and we wish well to the new China," he said. Mr Attlee added that the differences between the Chinese and British people in their history and way of life were

very great "but we should seek to think always of the things which unite us and not the things which separate us."

"First of all, the desire for peace," Mr Attlee said they were resolved that wars must cease. The task of these holding positions of responsibility in the world was to create conditions in which families of whatever race might live happy lives free from fear of war and hunger and free to think and act as they pleased while being conscious of the rights of others.

'OUR SUPPORT'

Mr Aneurin Bevan said: "Our presence is sufficient to show our support for the Chinese people's revolution."

He said most European societies were based on fully developed democratic institutions. This offered the possibility of a more peaceful and orderly transformation of society. The division of political power among the masses and the habit of accepting majority decisions through the medium of parliament converted the political franchise into a revolutionary instrument if used with vigour and determination. The British mission and Chinese statesmen in turn proposed toasts which were drunk in white and red wine.—Reuter. (See P. 10-Viall to Peking Prison)

14 Drowned Off Inchon

Seoul, Aug. 18. South Korean National Police Headquarters here announced today that 14 people were drowned while a sailing ship sank off Inchon harbour, about 30 miles from here on Monday. Three people aboard were rescued when the ship capsized in heavy seas, the police said.—Reuter.

Duke Chats With Girl Guides



H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh who has just completed a three weeks' tour of Canada, visited Whitehorse, Yukon. This photo shows the Duke chatting with the Girl Guides of Whitehorse, Yukon.

Mendes-France Takes Tough Line On EDC Refuses Major Changes To His New Amendments

Brussels, Aug. 18.

The French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France warned the other European Army nations tonight that he would accept no serious 'watering-down' of his proposed changes in the six-nation defence pact.

High diplomatic sources disclosed that M. Mendes-France delivered this warning in a two-hour private session with the Belgian Foreign Minister, Paul Henri Spaak, on the eve of the crucial Brussels conference.

The French premier, these sources said, told M. Spaak he would accept minor changes if that would lead to general agreement—but no major cuts.

M. Spaak made a dramatic appeal to M. Mendes-France and the German Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, to compromise their differences over EDC and save it from disaster.

According to the diplomatic sources, M. Mendes-France replied that his proposals were the only ones acceptable to the

U.S. Navy No Deterrent To Invaders

Omaha, Aug. 18.

General George Kenney, once commander of the Allied air force in the Pacific, indicated today that the United States 7th Fleet might not be enough to hold back the Chinese Communists if they attack Nationalist-held Formosa.

The retired General was addressing a press conference 24 hours after President Eisenhower said an invasion of Formosa would have to run over the Seventh Fleet. General Kenney said Formosa could be the starting point of a third world war, and if the Communists attacked there they would have full confidence of victory despite the Seventh Fleet.

French National Assembly and there was no reason why the other countries should not approve them.

He was reported to have said he did not consider they discriminated against West Germany as the Bonn Government charged. He also stood by the French demand that the Saar dispute with Germany be settled before EDC can be ratified by France, the sources said.

'REALITIES'

M. Mendes-France repeatedly insisted that the other EDC countries must bear in mind the "realities" of the French Parliamentary situation in considering the proposals and putting forward any of their own.

M. Spaak spent two hours in urgent private talk with the French Premier. Then he drove to meet the aged West German Chancellor, whose countrymen are to win back their sovereignty and contribute 500,000 men to EDC—if it ever comes into being.

M. Spaak acted on direct instructions from the Belgian Government, which decided this morning to act as mediator in a last-minute attempt to save EDC.—United Press.

'Living Happily Behind The Curtain'

Donald Maclean's Wife Writes To Her Mother

London, Aug. 18.

Mrs Melinda Maclean, American-born wife of a British diplomat who disappeared three years ago, has written her mother that she and her children are living happily behind the Iron Curtain, official sources said today.

Informants said the letter, with no address or date, was received by Mrs Melinda Dunbar while she was in Paris. Mrs Dunbar has now returned to the United States.

Mrs Maclean vanished from Geneva last November. Her husband, Donald Maclean, disappeared with Guy Burgess, another British diplomat. Maclean was head of the American section of the British Foreign Office at the time of his disappearance.

Informants said Mrs Maclean did not mention her husband or give any reason for her disappearance in the letter to her mother. Mrs Dunbar took the letter to the British Foreign Office, which confirmed Mrs Maclean's handwriting.

The letter apparently had been sent by courier from Eastern Europe but there was no indication of Mrs Maclean's address.—United Press.

USA To Withdraw 4 Divisions From South Korea

Washington, Aug. 18.

The United States Defence Department said today that four United States divisions would be withdrawn from Korea within the next few months.

A brief statement said these troops would be deployed to other areas where it was believed they "will better serve the interests of the United States". The Divisions were not identified.

A Defence Department spokesman said they would be designated by the Army later.

The announcement described the planned withdrawal as in line with the policy announced by President Eisenhower last December 20, when the White House announced the withdrawal of the 40th and 45th Guard Divisions.

The United States now maintains six divisions in Korea—five army divisions and the 1st Marine Division.

Before the Defence Department announcement there had been reports from South Korean Government officials that the United States contemplated withdrawing some troops.

The Defence Department's initial official reaction was that it had "no knowledge" of such a move.

United Press reports quoted Administration officials as saying some of the divisions would be redeployed to American bases in the Pacific, such as Okinawa or Hawaii.

The Administration's strategy is to put divisions in a more mobile position, to meet Communist aggression wherever it may strike. There is a possibility one of the divisions may return to the United States.

One of the circumstances now warranting the withdrawal, in the view of American officials, is the build-up of the Republic of Korea Army to 20 battle-ready divisions, trained and equipped by the United States.

During the closing days of the Korean war, South Korea had only about 18 fully-trained divisions.

15 DIVISIONS

The American decision caused surprise in Washington. Up to now, observers said it had been assumed that only three divisions would go.

Informants said that the United States was to contribute equipment for 10 South Korea reserve divisions which are to be formed in the next three or four years to compensate for the withdrawal of the American divisions from Korea.

The move followed talks with South Korean President Syngman Rhee and a report by General James Van Fleet, after his fact-finding tour of South Korea.

'DANGEROUS THING'

The South Korean Minister, Philip Han, said today that the withdrawal of United States troops from Korea at this time would be an invitation to the Communists to attack again.

"It would be a very dangerous thing," he said.

"We are shocked, because the whole thing is still in discussion. Their withdrawal would create a vacuum in Korea before an adequate buildup of Korean (South) forces can take place."

—Reuter, Franco-Press and United Press.

LEAVE GUNS BEHIND

Seoul, Aug. 19.

High sources said today the South Korean Government would demand that the four American divisions to be withdrawn from Korea leave behind all their guns, ammunition and other equipment to outfit at least four new ROK Army divisions.

Reports here said the four American divisions would start their withdrawal before the end of this year.

The Far East commander, General John Hui, said on his return from the Eisenhower-Rhee talks in Washington that it had been agreed there would be "some strengthening" of the ROK armed forces.

South Korea had demanded doubling the size of their Army from 20 to 40 divisions. The U.S. flatly rejected any changes of such magnitude.—United Press.

Typhoon Kills Seven In Japan

Tokyo, Aug. 18.

Seven people were killed, 14 injured and 12 missing in Typhoon "Grace" which swept through the southern half of Japan today, the United States Air Force announced here.

The Air Force said no military personnel were among the known casualties.

The typhoon hit Kyushu, Japan's southern island, early today and left a trail of floods and destruction but by late tonight the United States Air Force said it hadakened and had been "downgraded to a tropical storm" as it headed northwards towards the industrial region of Osaka in central Japan and Tokyo.

The Japanese police reported that the typhoon destroyed 480 houses in southern Japan and washed away 33 bridges.—Reuter.

De Castries' Mother Dies

Cayeux-sur-Mer, France, Aug. 18.

The aged mother of General Christian de Castries, the Communist-held hero of Dien Bien Phu, died almost on the eve of her son's release from Communist captivity, it was learned today.

Friends disclosed that General de Castries' 82-year-old mother died a week ago. Only today the Communist Indo-Chinese radio had indicated that the heroic General would be released to the French in a prisoner exchange which began today.

The broadcast said he may be returned tomorrow.—United Press.

Red Skelton Sprains His Neck

Concussed During TV Rehearsal

Hollywood, Aug. 18.

Comedian Red Skelton suffered concussion of the brain and a sprained neck today just an hour before his weekly television show and had to be replaced at the last minute.

Skelton was rehearsing the show at CBS Television City in a scene that called for him to ram his head through a glass door with a block of cement on his head.

The balsa wood block in place, the comedian raced headlong at the breakaway door, which would not break. Skelton bounded back about halfway across the stage.

He was carried unconscious from the studio to an ambulance and taken to the office of his personal physician, Dr Stanley Immerman, who reported that a preliminary examination showed that Skelton suffered a concussion of the brain and a severely sprained neck.—United Press.

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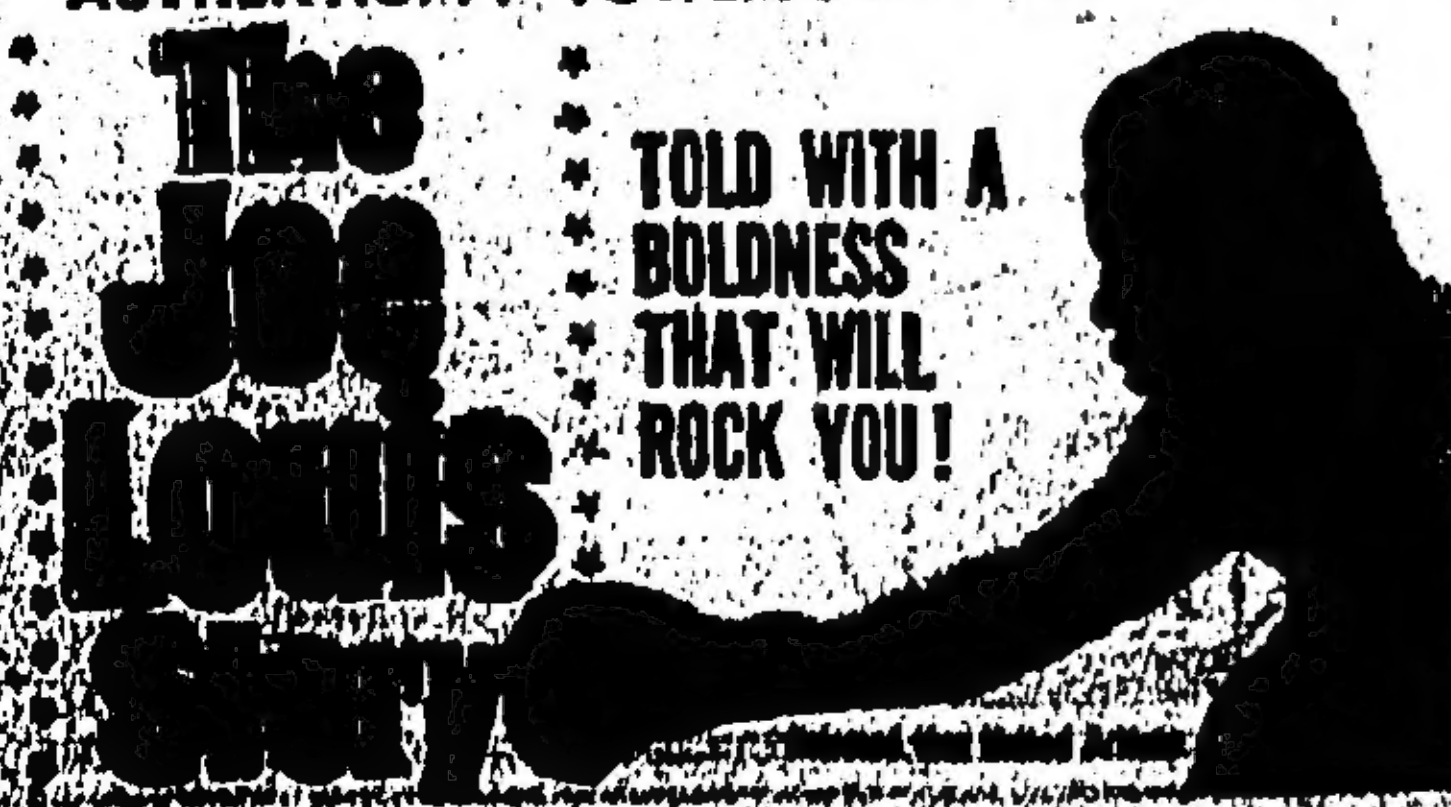


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Thornycroft Has Frank Discussions With Merchants

Manchester, Aug. 18.

Mr Peter Thornycroft, President of the Board of Trade, today began his two-day fact-finding tour of Lancashire with a "full and frank discussion" on textile industry problems with the Cotton and Rayon Merchants Association.

Later he met members of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, with whom he discussed what was afterwards described as "the serious implications to the Lancashire textile industry of the possibility of Japan's admission to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)."

Other points discussed included: the Government's general attitude towards the future of the industry; the future of the Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement; imports of Indian cloth and the treatment by India of our textile exports; infringement of British textile designs by Japanese traders; the prohibition of severe restriction on Lancashire imports in other countries by controls and high tariffs; and the handicap to the export trade caused by purchase tax.

Details of the conversations were not divulged but the industry's attitude on these points is well known.

A recent letter to Mr Thornycroft from textile industry leaders urged that if Japan were admitted to full membership of GATT, Britain should withdraw from the agreement or ensure that the rules were altered to protect Britain's exports to the Commonwealth and to protect its home trade from heavy imports of cheaply priced Japanese goods.

INDIAN GREY CLOTH

The same letter also requested action to curb imports of Indian grey cloth which if the present rate of imports continues, will this year be six times greater than in 1953.

One of the industry's main grievances to the Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement is that it was not consulted beforehand. With the agreement due for renewal

at the end of the year the trade is very anxious that import quotas of Japanese cloth for the UK and the Colonies shall not be increased.

Mr Thornycroft himself told the House of Commons earlier this year that he intended bringing to the notice of the Japanese Government complaints of Japanese infringement of Lancashire textile designs and trade marks.

There is no doubt that all these problems were explained to Mr Thornycroft.

Textile circles have already come to the conclusion that special concessions and help to Lancashire will not easily be won from Mr Thornycroft.

On his arrival in Manchester he stressed that while the cotton industry had problems it also had opportunities.

Other industries

Whatever the worries of the cotton industry, he said, the rest of Britain's trade and industry was booming under the Government's commercial policy.

"Against this background I have come to have discussion and see whether the cotton industry has shared in these events," he declared.

"I am going to discuss some of the very special problems which confront the industry together with the opportunities which confront it."

He is expected to conclude his visit tomorrow with meetings with employers associations in the spinning industry, the legislative council of the United Textile Factory Workers Association and the Cotton Board.

—China Mail Special.

Panama Talks

Washington, Aug. 18.

The United States and Panama have ended the first stage of discussions on the future administration of the strategically important Panama Canal, the State Department announced today.

Each delegation is now reporting to its government on the other's proposals, whose nature was not revealed.

Talks on the revision of the Panama Canal Zone Treaty began last September. Under the Pact the United States pays Panama \$430,000 (about £185,000) annually for the lease of the Canal.

The Panamanian Government is seeking an increase in the

Paris, Aug. 18.

Tunisian Premier Tahar Ben Ammar and France's Minister for African and Moroccan Affairs, M. Christian Fouchet, today began serious study of the long and intricate process of granting home rule to France's North African protectorate.

Ben Ammar, who arrived here yesterday, said that his first contacts with the French Government took place in an atmosphere of "mutual goodwill" and all seemed to augur well for continued Franco-Tunisian amity after three months of terrorism.

Talks here are to get the scene for actual home-rule negotiations, which will probably open next month in some town on the French Mediterranean coast.

SEPARATE AGREEMENTS

A number of separate agreements will have to be drawn up, including a convention guaranteeing the rights of French settlers in Tunisia, financial and judicial conventions, and the setting up of a Franco-Tunisian chamber of arbitration.

Conclusion of these negotiations will thus mark the end of 73 years of direct French rule of Tunisia, and 30 years of attempts to build co-sovereignty.

France signed the Treaty of Bardo with Tunisia in 1881, establishing a French "protectorate" over the area. The Tunisian administration never rose above the municipal or regional level.

TRIPOLITANIA

The first trouble occurred in 1911 shortly after the Italian occupation of Tripolitania, which was later to become part of the Italian colony of Libya. In that year, armed forces were called out to crush a rebellion which started the Tunisian nationalist movement, and a state of siege was proclaimed which was to last until 1920.

In 1919, Sheikh Taalib published a pamphlet called "Martyred Tunisia" and accused the French of despotism. He sent a message to President Woodrow Wilson, then in Rome, asking for reforms and a constitution.

The following year the Destour (Constitution) Party was born, and the Bey threatened the President, Lucien Saint, with abdication to support the Destour claims. A Franco-Tunisian Grand Council was formed. French reforms always envisaged French participation in Tunisian government, but the Destour Party, later the Neo-Destour, consistently held out for complete internal autonomy as a condition of independence. The situation was at its worst in 1952 when the Neo-Destour Party was outlawed, and its chiefs, including leading Tunisian nationalist Habib Bourguiba, were seized and exiled—United Press.

Dr Fisher Improving

Evansville, Ill., Aug. 18.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, was reported to be convalescing "nicely" and his attendants said he might take a ride today.

Dr William Swisher of Evansville, who has been attending the Archbishop, said a throat irritation and digestive disorders had disappeared. He said Dr Fisher was resting today before rejoining the Council tomorrow.

Dr Fisher was taken ill on Sunday and has been unable to attend any of the Council sessions. He was suffering from exhaustion brought on by overwork during the planning sessions for the Assembly.

The Archbishop was expected to present the welcoming address for President Eisenhower's speech to the delegates of the Assembly tomorrow. —United Press.

Mare Island Naval Base Centenary

Mare Island, Calif., Aug. 18.

Mare Island naval shipyard, the United States Navy's greatest West Coast base, was saluted yesterday for a century of naval glory from the days of famed Admiral David C. Farragut to the exploits of the destroyer *Ward* which fired the first American shot at Pearl Harbour.

The State of California, the city of Vallejo and the Navy joined today in daylong programmes preceding the formal and public centennial celebration from September 16 to 18.

Mare Island's "long line of ships"—400 naval craft built in 100 years—have written naval history in the Atlantic and the Pacific. Its first ship was a wooden one, the *Saghar*, launched in 1859. Its latest ship was also of wood—the mine-sweeper *Cormorant*, built without metal but loaded with secret electronic equipment in a technological marriage of the old and the ultra-modern to meet the demands of the atomic age.

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It was from Mare Island on July 10, 1945, that the cruiser *Indianapolis* left on the most secret mission of World War II—to deliver the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. —United Press.

LANDSLIDES KILL FOUR

Colombo, Aug. 18.

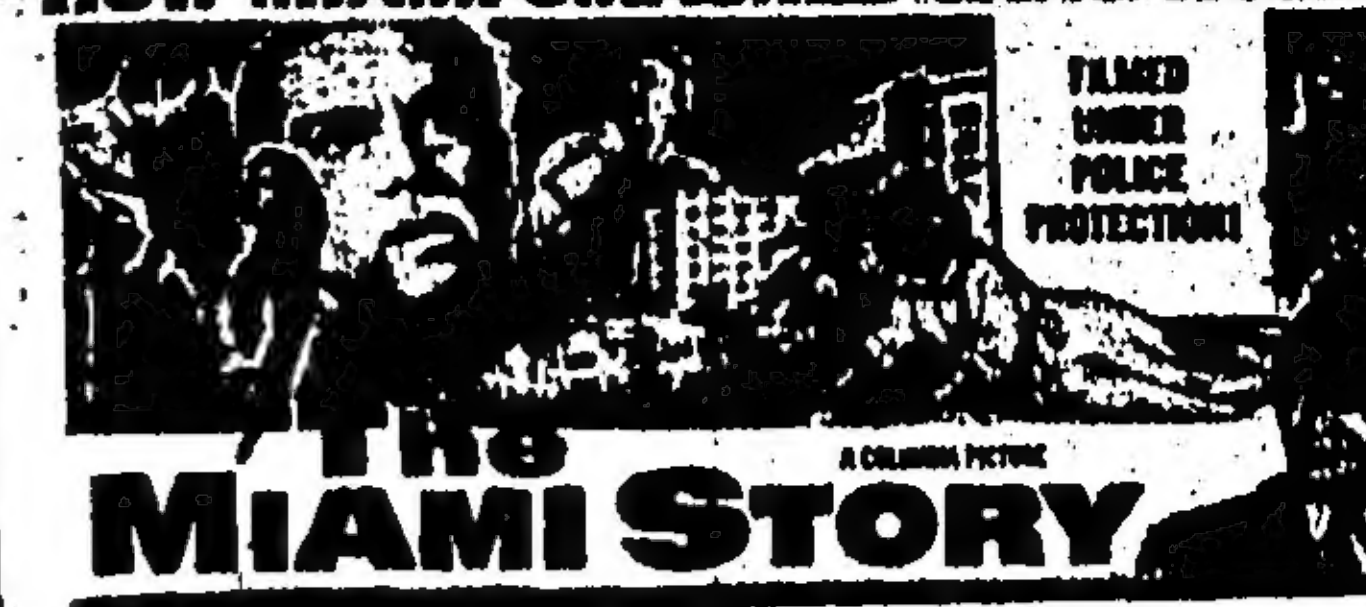
Two landslides within 10 minutes brought death to four persons and serious injury to another here today.

Rescue workers feared two more bodies were buried in the debris, but were forced to suspend operations at nightfall through fear of a third landslide. —United Press.

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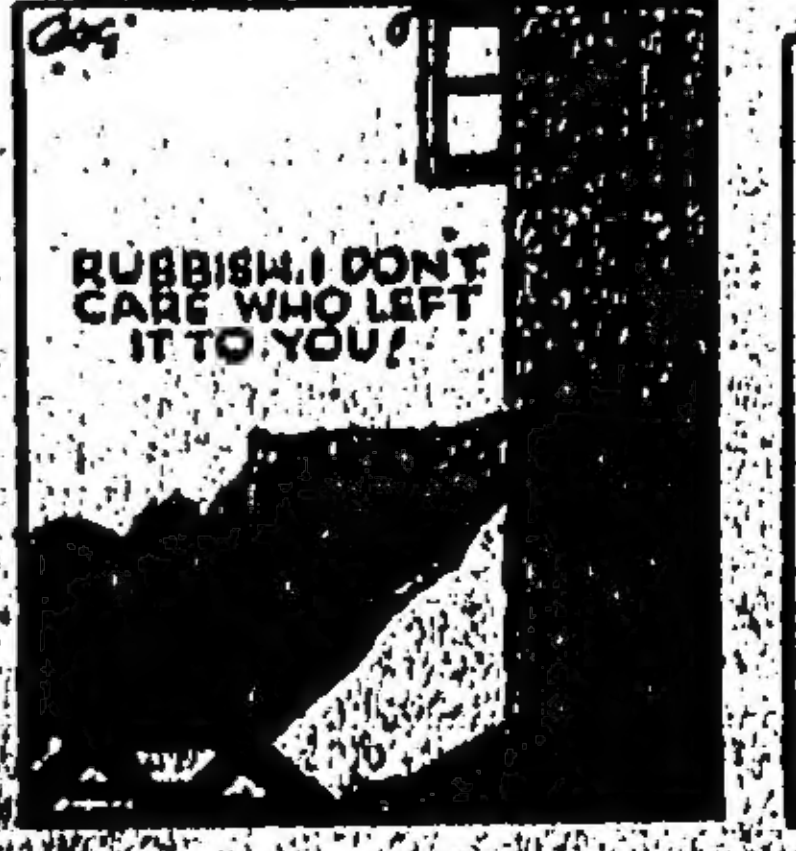
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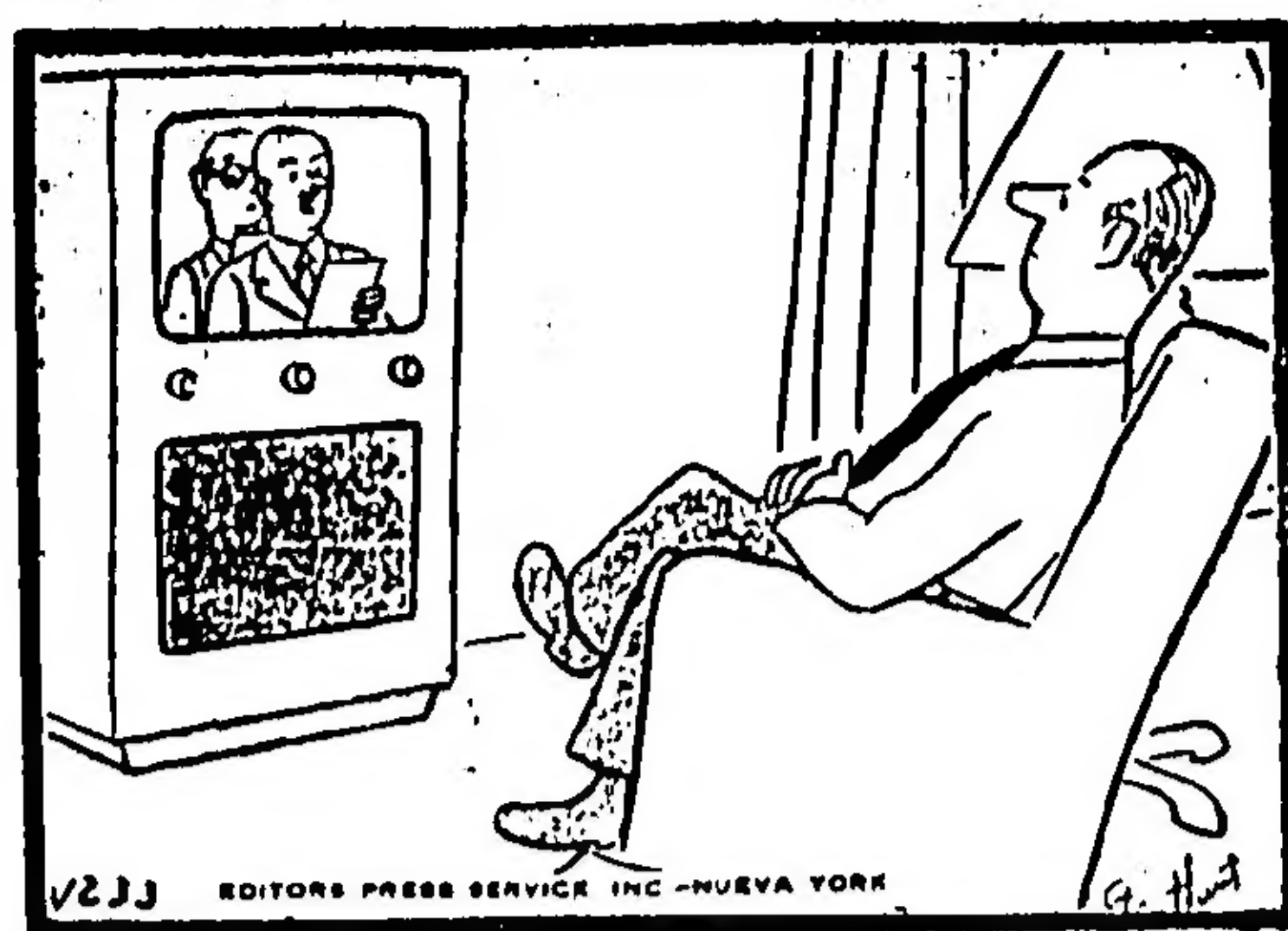
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a seal." One obstreperous loud shouted reference to "stolen kisses in the lion's cage." And at a council meeting, a Council member who boasted that he was "the better for drink" called me Zabanda, and was asked to leave by our Chairman. All this degrading nonsense I attribute, Sir, to your folly in placing your space at the disposal of my sometime colleagues. Pray desist.
Yours faithfully,
Ulla Wreth

The tactful doctor

THE celebrated Dr Locksmith, who is so much in the news at present, had an amusing experience once. A sailor who had lost the key to his chest went on leave saw the name Locksmith on the doctor's door and went in: "There's something wrong with my chest," he said. "How does it affect you?" asked the doctor. "I won't open," said the sailor. The doctor looked anxiously at the patient. "Perhaps it needs a key," he said, joyfully. "That's it," said the sailor. So, to humour one who seemed to be suffering from nervous strain, the doctor gave him an old key and a letter to a nerve specialist. The sailor said: "How do you know that this will fit?" "If it doesn't," said the doctor, "this letter will introduce you to an expert, who will soon put things right. And off went the sailor, whistling.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Draw Trumps Fast
In Trump Suit

By OSWALD JACOBY

IN most hands that you play at a trump suit, your plan is to draw trumps as quickly as possible. The idea is to save a trump or two for your own use, but to prevent the defenders from using their trumps.

In some hands, however, it is wise to postpone the drawing of trumps. You may have any one of a large number of good reasons for such a postponement, and one of the unusual reasons is shown in today's hand.

North's opening bid was a standard no-trump, showing distribution and 16 to 18 points. Phil Garland, of Tacoma, bid two hearts on the South hand on the theory that he would probably be safer at two hearts than his partner would be at one no-trump. This was a very close decision, and some expert would pass one no-trump with the same hand.

West opened the queen of spades, and the defenders continued the suit until Garland ruffed the third round. The Tacoma expert then saw that he was bound to lose four tricks in the black suits. He could therefore afford to lose only one trump trick.

If declarer began by drawing trumps, he might lose a trump trick to the jack as well

NORTH (D) 24			
AK43			
Q87			
AK2			
AK83			
WEST		EAST	
QJ10		AK9752	
AK		J3	
Q10865		J97	
Q109		K4	
SOUTH			
86			
K10962			
43			
J752			
North		East-West vul.	
INT.	Pass	2	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—A Q			

us to the ace. He was at liberty to finesse in either direction, but he had no reason to feel that one direction was better than the other.

After a brief thought, Garland decided to let the opponents guess for him. Since there was very little danger that one of the defenders could ruff, Garland planned to take his side tricks first in the hope that the opponents would feel obliged to begin the trumps for him.

He therefore cashed the top diamonds and ruffed a diamond, continuing with the ace of clubs and a low club to East's king.

East had only spades and trumps, and he could do nothing better than return a low trump. This solved declarer's problem for him.

West won with the ace of trumps and returned a trump, South winning with the ten. Declarer now gave up a second club trick to West. If West had been able to return a trump, he would be doing declarer's job of drawing the trumps, and South's last club would be good.

Since West couldn't lead a trump, he had to allow declarer to make the two high trumps separately, thus assuring the contract of two hearts.

A Great Favour

"I'd like you to do me a very great favour," said Mistress Cat. "Well," said Knarf, "I'll try to. What favour do you want to do?"

Knarf looked surprised. "Did I like to take singing lessons," said Mistress Cat. "That's what I'm considering to have a very beautiful voice?" Knarf still continued to look surprised. He knew, of course, that Mistress Cat had a voice. But he was far from sure that it was considered beautiful. He had often heard her wailing during the night. He didn't think this was very good singing, either.

"I know just what you're thinking," said the Cat. "You don't think my voice is very good, and you think my singing is even worse. But I don't mind your thinking those things. In fact, that's the very reason I want to take singing lessons." "It's a good reason," said Knarf. And then the thought occurred to him: Who can give a cat singing lessons?

A Knowing Cat

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WOMANSENSE

No Touch Too Bold... FOODS TO COOK OVER OPEN FIRE



PICTURE BY JOHN FRENCH

THERE is an important fashion—and a good one, too—which is quite independent of Paris. Whatever Dior may do to the silhouette, young girls and the sports girls will pursue the casual, tailored, colourful trend that they wear so well.

THE SPORTS GIRLS will wear enormous accessories.

Such as the 8ft.-long scarf in the picture above. (If you can't find one in the shops, join two shorter ones; or knit one, just a fringed strip, doubled, to give the chunkiness it needs.) Such as very big handbags, of leather, plaid, or (why not?) plastic. Such as half-crown-size gold earrings.

They will wear lots of things in flannel. Heaveniest accessory: a flannel shirt. Best country skirt, grey flannel, saddle-stitched. Good, a straight flannel coat. Or a flannel blazer.

They will continue to wear pants, in marvellous materials. If you can find a tailor who can cut good pants, or copy your best pair, have pants made in the brightest tweed you can find, in corded wool, in brilliant velveteen. Full-length and slit at the hem.

They will wear pinafores... battledress tops... cotton shirts with stiffened collars... above-knee skirts and knee-length socks if they are very young.

They will have something with a Scottish flavour. A plaid skirt, or a colossal Shetland sweater, and many berets.

They will wear lovely leather belts. Hand-stitched gloves, in fabric or wash-leather.

They will wear full skirts over petticoats for cocktail and party dresses. I can't see full skirts, properly switched out, ever being out of fashion for the young.

They will wear terrific colours, and two or three of them together. No blue is too bright, no red too bold. If you are one of these sporting dressers.

(London Express Service.)

By ALICE DENHOFF

PICNIC time coming up! And what is there that tastes as delectable, as satisfying, as downright perfect as the foods prepared over an open fire and consumed out-of-doors?

Food that cooks quickly and can be eaten between burns is easiest and best, be it steak or hamburger. But good and not expensive is round steak when prepared this way.

Roll thin strips of round steak around onion and sliced pickle, and roll the whole thing in a jacket of bacon strips. Skewer together and broil slowly. They can be eaten right off the skewer.

To Flavour Steaks

And here's what an old barbecue hand suggests for those occasions when you want to have your steaks just right in flavour. When the coals in the grill have turned red, toss 2 or 3 cut garlic cloves directly under your steaks. The garlic fumes will flavour the meat as it cooks, giving it the right, hearty flavour for an outdoor meal.

Come picnic time and the humble hamburger really comes into its own. Form the patties of ground meat mixed with minced onion and seasoning before you leave home. Place between

aluminium foil or heavy waxed paper, and they're ready to cook when the fire is right. Sear on one side, then brown on the other, working quickly to keep the meat juicy.

Frankfurter Ideas

Then there's that other monarch of the picnic, the frankfurter, mainstay when the budget begins to sag.

To dress these favourites up in style, split large frankfurters down their middles, spread with prepared mustard, fill with chopped pickles, then turn over so the cooking department to broil. Chances are that you'll find this one the most requested item on your picnic menu right through the season.

For another fancy frank idea, split them lengthwise, insert a finger-sized piece of cheese in each and top with a slice of bacon. Broil until cheese is melted and bacon is cooked. Serve in long buns.

For an inexpensive and easy picnic dish, put in kettle one potato for each person and cover with water. When spuds are almost tender, add enough frankfurters for everybody, and heat thoroughly. With buttered buns, ketchup, fresh fruit and cookies for dessert, you have a simple and tasty picnic meal.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

BORN today, you are a rather confusing mixture of characteristics. At times you are cheerful, at others, humble and contrite, often emotional but not one to show your affections outwardly. You have the courage of your convictions, yet have a cautious reserve which often keeps you from seeking new experiences. You are fond of cutting up with a good back, yet ready to jump into action when there is something exciting or important to be done. In other words, you will need to learn to understand your own temperament thoroughly before you can hope that others will understand you at all.

You have great potentialities and, if you develop your star-given talents to the utmost, you may anticipate a full, productive and successful life. But if you let the more negative aspects of your nature predominate, you may become a dreamer who indulges in wishful thinking and accomplishes altogether too little.

You have an affectionate nature but are usually not the first one to make an advance. You are intuitive but impulsive as well, and you must learn to distinguish between the two or you will be forever jumping at the wrong direction at the wrong time. You will probably discover that Tuesday is one of your most fortunate days of the week.

Among those born on this date are: Georges Enesco, composer; James Lenox, philanthropist; Fred Stone, actor; Elsie Ferguson, actress; and Orville Wright, aeroplane inventor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Rest the mind as well as the body this coming week-end. If you can, start your recreation programme this evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Business matters are stressed today. You have a good chance to advance materially at this time.

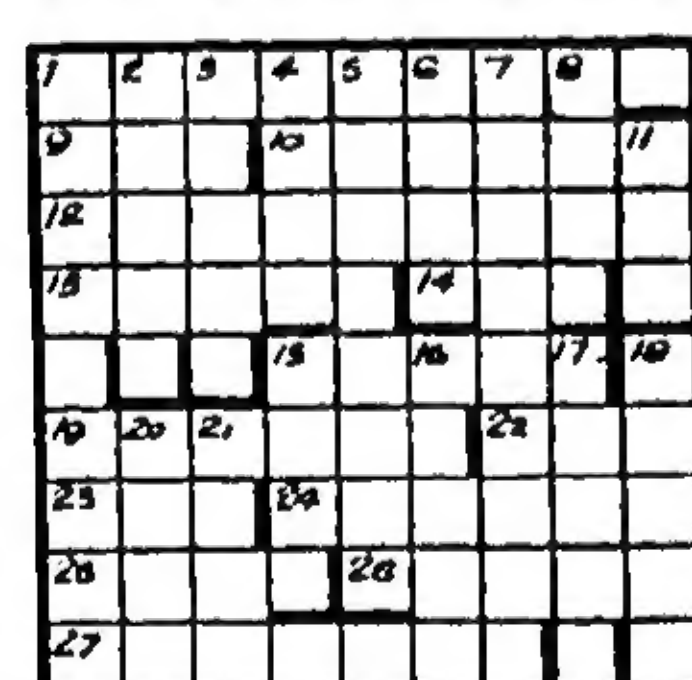
LABRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A sound idea should be developed at once, for it can bring you exceptional dividends right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Personal affairs, especially those having to do with business have excellent aspects at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Make hay while the meteorological sun shines! All aspects are excellent for major activities now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Good fortune is smiling again. Do

CROSSWORD



Across

- Pure disto sometimes get into this. (9)
- Oliverian princess. (8)
- Morning employed. (6)
- You at letter and (9)
- There's work for this expert in the Navy. (10)
- Of the well. (3)
- Years of the wise man. (8)
- Strip a cheeky sort of fairy. (6)
- It sounds like 23 Across. (3)
- It sounds like 23 Across. (8)
- Sun acts mixed with the big bell for a burner. (8)
- Clears mind 100. (4)
- Onia from the gun. (8)
- By break for the bird. (7)

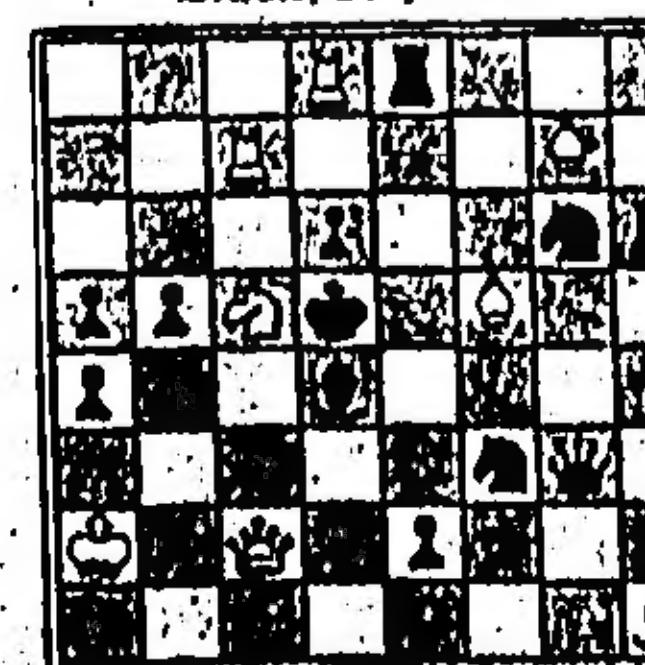
Down

- The sporting plate is thrown towards two points of the compass. (6)
- An expression with a special meaning—I had in short one great honour. (8)
- The coys may be—he's re-hired. (6)
- It's been going downhill for years, says the Jonahs. (6)
- The professor, for instance, adds 5. The answer is 10. (6)
- Simon may be his name. (4)
- Sees Bally without profit. (6)
- William the Bowman. (6)
- Colour—but not the Army kind. (6)
- Teases. (4)
- This code deals with crime and punishment. (6)
- Pass the rope through there! (6)
- The gentleman from Spain. (6)
- Sounds like a boy from the boys. (6)
- Unusual two regiments. (6)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ELLERMAN
Black, 13 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-B7, 2. Q-R (del. ch), or K-R (del. ch, or del. ch) mates.

DUMB-BELLS



Rupert and the Spring Chicken—29



already sleeping heavily away. 'Oh dear, what a day! I've been so nervous. The penguin who has guided him lifts one of its flippers. 'You had better stop and face the music,' it says. 'Just look over there, and see who's coming!'

BRITAIN'S FAVOURITE WINTER SPORT WILL SOON BE STARTING AGAIN

By BRIAN URIDGE

Through the letter-box of millions of homes comes a reminder that Britain's favourite indoor winter sport will soon be starting again. It is the first football pool coupon for the new home season. And if ambitious investors stay true to form, more than £70 million will be spent on the pools during 1954.

The problem is: how to get some of it. Last season a London bus driver won a modest £1,000 for

his chance. He knew nothing about football. Wasn't interested. "I just fill in the same old spaces each week-end and hope for the best," he admitted to me at the time.

That's one way of winning. And it's not such a bad way either. Not long ago Jack Coulton, a London insurance claims negotiator, won a total of £100,000 in two pools by doing the same thing.

He explained: "I have a little time to spare, I just fill in the same spaces each week. I have been doing that for three years."

SEEMS TO COUNT

Perseverance seems to count. And then it's just plain in a nutshell.

Take Joe Jenkins of Liverpool. One evening last February he came home after a hard day in his grocery shop, to find a letter in his envelope. He posted it to his wife.

"Just scatter them about," Mrs. Jenkins scattered the "O's" in the ticket book. The couple got a cheque for £61,244.

Joe Griffin, a Yorkshire miner, is richer by £31,000 because of a mistake. He marked the word "Barnum" in the wrong square but it did not count. The line was correct.

How do ordinary folk react to the news that they have won a packet in the pools?

Said my bus driver winner for example, "I rushed into the street and told the first chap I saw."

And the bus driver had only won £1,000.

The reaction of Ernest Lumsden (11), a retired headmaster, was possibly unique.

After being presented with the cheque (he did not know the actual amount) he looked at it, slowly, and exclaimed: "It's a disgrace. I have just earned more in 15 minutes than I have in nearly 50 years of teaching."

A cheque for the same amount was handed shortly before last Christmas to Miss Dorothy Hughes, middle-aged mother of five from Hampshire.

Her words: "To me, this is just a piece of paper. I don't see how I can be any happier, even with £75,000."

Then there was Welsh milkman Lewis Evans. Told his weekly stipend had risen a £75,000 harvest, he dropped the handle of his milk float in the road and threw off his apron and told his boss: "You'll have to take the milk out yourself."

What happens to the cash after it's been won? Some people give it away.

NEW SPECTACLES

When old-age pensioner George Murns of Manchester

won £15,000 this year he decided to give it all to his two sons, his daughter and five grand-children.

He reasoned: "The time to have money is when you are young. I have no particular need of money and all I want out of my windfall is enough to get some new spectacles and a hearing aid."

And fancy being the wife of a man like 76-year-old Evan Morgan retired after working 53 years in the pits. After winning £2,500, he said: "As my wife shall have the lot."

Still, as with most things, beating the pools has its drawbacks.

One man who won a few thousand pounds recently received hundreds of begging letters with every post—and that's usually the case. Another man who won £20,000 couldn't sleep properly afterwards.

But perhaps the chap to feel really sorry for was the tipster who, after pocketing £1,000, commented: "Whenever I'm always right, you're right there they say—and they have their pint mugs ready in their hands."

(London Express Service.)

SCOTTISH SOCCER RESULTS

London, Aug. 16. Scottish football results, today were:

Scottish League Cup Division "A"

Clyde	0	Strling	1
Dundee	0	Celtic	1
Hibernian	2	Aberdeen	0
Falkirk	2	Heart of Midlothian	0
Motherwell	3	Kilmarnock	0
Queen of the South	1	East Fife	4
Rathfriland	2	St. Mirren	1
Rangers	1	Partick Th.	1

Division "B"

Airdrie	0	Cowdenbeath	1
Alloa A.D.	0	Aberdeen	0
Ayr United	2	Brechin City	2
Dunfermline	3	Dundee	0
Forfar A.D.	2	St. Johnstone	0
Morton	2	Hamilton	0
St. Johnstone	2	Queen's Park	0
Third Lanark	2	Park	0

—Reuter.

Cambridge Crew To Visit Colony In September

The Cambridge Boat Club have accepted the invitation of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club to spend a few days in Hongkong on the return journey from their tour of Japan.

They will arrive in the Colony on September 27 and a race against the Yacht Club in coxed fours is being arranged for Wednesday, September 29 over a course of approximately 1 mile from the Hongkong Electric Co. to Wharf to the Yacht Club at Kowloon Island. It is hoped that a pairs race can also be arranged.

The crews to represent the Yacht Club will be chosen after the Club Regatta which is being held in Deepwater Bay on Saturday, August 21 from 4.45 p.m. onwards.

Members of the Victoria Recreation Club are participating in this Regatta which has a full programme of events and pairs races for senior and junior crews. It is hoped that on this day the weather will be just what the Regatta and the Boat Club will follow the racing at Middle Island the same evening.

WORLD RECORD

Stockholm, Aug. 16. Audun Boyesen of Norway broke the world record for the 1,000 metres run at Gavle, Sweden, tonight, with a time of two minutes 10.8 seconds.

The officially recognised record is two mins. 30.8 sec. set by the American, Mal Whitfield, last year. Boyesen bettered this month's record with two mins. 10.8 sec. which will be considered when the International Athletic Federation meets in Rome next month.

"SPOILED BOY"



Russia's Olympic Champion sculler, 24-year-old Yuriy Tuhayev, has been dubbed "the spoiled boy of Russian sport." Handsome Tuhayev, who was beaten by a Yugoslav at this year's Henley Regatta, was bluntly told by Soviet Sport, the leading Russian sports newspaper, that he had let himself ruin his performance.

Soviet Sport says: "In 1952 he won several international matches and then went to Helsinki to win a brilliant, almost fairy-tale victory over world-famed competitors. He became the youngest Master of Sport. Newspapers and magazines published his picture. He began to think he had no equal. Immediately Yuriy's behaviour began to change. Modesty vanished and there appeared vanity and self-conceit. Now he thought only how to pass the stands in picturesque style. He has declined from a high-class sculler into a spoiled boy."

Soviet Sport recalls that Yuriy was beaten in the 1953 European Championships as well as at Henley and adds: "All this can be explained by his spoiled attitude, his weak will and lack of perseverance. It is a very unpleasant fact that a brilliant sculler has declined so badly."—Express Photo.

YORKSHIRE ALL OUT FOR 113

London, Aug. 16.

Yorkshire, hard pressed at the top of the County cricket list and anxious to gain maximum points from their last two Championship games, lost all their wickets for 113 runs on a rainy day but made a heartening breach in the Hampshire ramparts by dismissing their first four batsmen for 23 before the close of play.

The Yorkshire batsmen had faced a strong attack from the Hampshire bowlers who swung into action on a damp pitch. Victor Canning, right-arm fast medium bowler, took five for 43 and right-arm off-spinner Michael Burden claimed another three for 33.

Len Hutton, back with his County team after playing against Pakistan in the last Test, found himself smartly caught out before he could make more than 17.

Derbyshire, Yorkshire's closest challengers, also had a wet day but they managed to dismiss the first four Middlesex batsmen for 32 before rain drove them off the pitch. The Derbyshire bowlers were led by the Middlesex batsmen, down and they scored only 17 in the first hour. Rain continually broke in on the play and confined it to a total of two hours and 10 minutes.

Surry, still with a chance of retaining the Championship, put Worcestershire in to bat on a soft turf and Peter Leaver, also back from the Test, dealt the first quick blow. Making the ball move in sharply, he knocked back Kenyon's middle stump with the total only three. During the innings he took eight for 70.

Worcestershire batted slowly but had fought their way up to 184 before the last wicket fell.

During the day's play Alce Beder took his 100th wicket of the season when he had N. Hughes caught at six.

Play at Manchester between Lancashire and Gloucestershire was a complete and literal washout. The wicket was flooded. It was the 15th blank day at Manchester.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Chesterfield: Middlesex 32 for four versus Derbyshire. Only two hours play was possible because of rain.

At Bourne: Yorkshire 113. Hampshire 23 for four.

At Manchester: Lancashire 184 for four versus Derbyshire. Only two hours play was possible because of rain.

At Birmingham: Leicestershire 14 for no wicket versus Warwickshire. Rain seriously restricting play.

At Taunton: Somerset 266 for seven versus Northamptonshire. At Bath: Gloucestershire 149 (Oakman, right-arm off-spin, seven for 29). Sussex 102 for seven.

At Worcester: Worcestershire 184 (Broadbent not out 73; Leaver, right-arm fast medium, eight for 70). Surrey 11 for no wicket. Bath light stopped play 40 minutes before the scheduled close.

A Dover: Nottinghamshire 231 (Hardstaff 55, Doaland 63, Ridgway, right-arm fast medium, four for 43; Dover, right-arm off-spin, four for 42). Kent 83 for two.—Reuter.

Len Shackleton — The Most Misunderstood Player In Football

By JACK FAIRBROTHER

(Manager of Coventry City and former Newcastle colleague of Shackleton)

Uncontrollable, temperamental—that's what they say about Len Shackleton, of England and Sunderland. They try to tell me he is the bad lad of football—and I tell them all they are wrong. I should know. I have played with him and I have lived with him. You might call him a Jekyll and Hyde, the Trueman of football. No player has been more misunderstood. That's why I'm writing about him.

England should understand "Champagne Shack," as I call him. Then maybe our country can again make use of the greatest inside forward playing today.

Even on Wearside and Tyneside, where he is almost a legend, they do not know the real Len Shackleton, the football genius who must clown or quit.

Shack will never tell them. "I do not give a damn what they are saying about me," he told me once when the crowd and critics were after his blood. But I will tell you because it needs to be told.

ONE CHIP LESS

Leonard Francis Shackleton is 31. He will have my including the Francis bit. But it goes in because that will be one less chip to carry on his shoulder.

Saying Leonard instead of plain Len can be dodgy. It cost him the chance of a trip to South America with England's World Cup team.

Len knew England were playing Italy before the World Cup team was selected in 1950 and he was asked by an FA official: "Leonard, will you be available against Italy if selected?"

Shack thought the use of "Leonard" was a polite kind of way of "talking the micky" out of him. So he replied: "Well, I have my ice cream business to look after you know."

He knew it would kill his chances and he was dying to play, but it had to come out even if it killed him. That is Shack.

On the field a careful, calculating genius. Off the field a self-conscious, homesick, loving family man with an acute inferiority complex.

Shack left a working-class home in Bradford to join Highbury's ground staff and sweep the terraces. He was a schoolboy international, but Highbury thought he was too small to make the grade and back he went to play for Bradford.

Now he tries to sweep the floor with Arsenal every time he plays there. Tom Whittaker, the Arsenal manager, fayed to me about Shack's display when Sunderland won there last season.

UNFORGETTABLE

Shack went on the right wing through injury and was unforgettable. Charlie Chaplin and Stanley Matthews all told me so.

There was only one other display to equal it at Highbury last season and that was when Shack played at inside-left for Old England against Young England on the eve of the Cup Final.

Shack called me up at Coventry and invited me to go to the game. I told him: "If I'm coming down to see you there's got to be no fooling. Not too much anyway."

"Come," insisted Shack. "I think we shall play a bit." I like to think he played that wonderful night to prove to me that he could still burn on the old magic to order. He was truly magnificent. You over forgot Puck. And make no mistake, Shack was very proud to wear that Old England jersey.

Yet this man who will talk to a miner in the crowd in exactly the same manner as he would to Sir Stanley Rous, sincerely, and without a hint of patronage—has become cynical about soccer as a profession.

My wife Belle and Len's wife Marjorie also became great friends when I was transferred

from Preston to join Newcastle in 1947. Shack was later transferred to Sunderland, but by that time we were friends for life.

TOO MUCH BACK-STABBING He would say to me: "Go into business, Jack. I don't want you tied up in this racket. There's too much back-stabbing in football management today."

He did not agree entirely, and when I decided to take Peterborough's offer to join them as player-manager, it caused the only rift in our friendship.

My wife took Shack into a quiet corner to tell him my decision one night when we were at a party. He was livid, stormed over to me and called me all the fouls imaginable, and completely ruined the evening.

Yet he did it because of his friendship for me. And we were pals again within 48 hours.

(London Express Service.)

24 Countries Enter Cycling Championships

Frankfurt, Aug. 17.

Twenty-four countries have entered the World Cycling Championships in West Germany, the German Federation announces.

Six other foreign organisations are expected to give last-minute additional international colour to the tournament.

The last world cycling championships held in Germany took place at Cologne and Wuppertal, in 1954, now in the Soviet-occupied part of this split country.

The road racing events for both amateurs and professionals in the forthcoming championships will be staged at Solingen while the track events will be held at Cologne and Wuppertal.

Although no official word has been received from the Soviet Union on participation in the tournament, officials still expect a last-minute Soviet entry.

The amateurs will run for top honours on August 21 while the professional elite will appear at the start one day later.

FINISHING TOUCHES

Columns of workers recently put finishing touches to the "Klingenberg" circuit, which winds through a picture-book landscape.

The circuit is completely covered with asphalt. The course, boasting numerous curves, among them several hairpin bends, continually changes from uphill to downhill and is, according to seasoned experts, "one of the most difficult tracks a world champion has ever taken place on."

In order to avoid traffic jams as much as possible, 2,000 police will direct the flows of automobiles, motorcycles and plain bicycles to the specially-created parking lots which will hold not less than 30,000 vehicles.

The police officers will receive their directions from helicopter flying at low altitude and observing road traffic.—United Press.

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

London, Aug. 16.

Rugby League results, today were: Belle Vue Rangers 11, St. Helens 20. Castleford 4, Bradford Northern 8. Widnes 13, Whitehaven 15.—Reuter.

GIANTS STRETCH LEAD

New York, Aug. 18.

Manager Leo Durocher claims his Giants play best "with their backs to the wall" but last night they backed the Phillies outfielders to the wall with a flurry of long drives that earned them an 8-3 victory and stretched their National League lead to two games.

The Giants, whose lead was shaved to a mere half game on Sunday, gained a full game over the second-place Dodgers, who lost to the last-place Pirates, 4-2.

St. Louis cooled off third-place Milwaukee with a 4-1 beating while the Cubs whipped the Redlegs twice, 5-0 and 6-1.

Cleveland stayed three games in front of the American League with a 4-3 triumph over Detroit, while second-place New York wallowed in Philadelphia, 11-1. Boston edged Washington, 4-3, and Chicago swept a twilight twinnish from Baltimore, 2-0 and 3-1.

Substitute first baseman Bobby Dodson was the big gun in the Giant triumph with a pair of two-run homers while Willie Mays stroked a triple and three singles to aid Johnny Antonelli to his 18th victory.

PIRATES WIN AGAIN

Upstart Pittsburgh made life miserable for the Dodgers by going ahead 3-2 in the third inning. Max Surkont limited the losers to five hits. It marked Pittsburgh's fifth straight victory.

Rockie Brooks Lawrance of the Cardinals ripped the Braves' winning streak at nine straight with a seven-hit effort that earned him his 11th victory and Jim Wilson his first defeat of the year.

Hardy Sauer hit his 33rd homer and Ralph Kiner his 19th in the Cubs opening game victory over the Reds. The triumph snapped Chicago's 10-game losing streak and was credited to Howie Pollet.

Bobby Avila's ninth inning single drove home the winning run in Cleveland's uphill triumph over the Tigers. The Yankees pounded three Athletics pitchers for 15 hits, including a ninth-inning grand slam homer by pinch hitter Bill Skowron.

SCORES

The scores were:			
American League			
	R	H	E
Detroit	2	8	4
Cleveland	2	7	0
Chicago	8	5	0
Baltimore	0	7	0
Chicago (2nd)	3	11	0
Baltimore	2	8	0
Boston	4	13	0
Washington	3	7	2
New York	11	15	0
Pittsburgh	2	7	0
National League			
	R	H	E
Brooklyn	4	10	1
Pittsburgh	4	10	2
St. Louis	4	10	2
Milwaukee	1	7	1
Philadelphia	7	7	1
New York	6	10	1
Cincinnati	0	8	0
Chicago	6	15	0
Cincinnati (2nd)	1	5	0
Chicago	2	7	0

—United Press.

TEST AVERAGES

London, Aug. 17.

Denis Compton and Hafiz Mohammad headed the batting averages for England and Pakistan respectively in the four-match series which ended in a draw today when Pakistan won the last Test.

Compton's average was 80.60 and Hafiz 22.62. Bowling averages were: Johnny Wardle (England) 8.80, and Fazal Mahmood (Pakistan) 20.40.

Batting Averages	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. C. Compton	453	278	100.60
R. T. Simpson	170	101	42.92
P. E. Bailey	120	94	37.50
T. Gray	120	94	37.50
P. H. May	120	94	37.50
J. H. Wardle	120	94	37.50
A. Evans	120	94	37.50
J. McCann	120	94	37.50
L. Hutton	120	94	37.50
J. B. Statham	120	94	37.50

Also batted: A. V. Bedser (22), W. J. Edrich (4), J. C. Laker (13), P. J. Lander (18 and 3), J. M. Parks (19), D. B. Sheppard (37 and 13), F. H. Tyson (3 and 3).

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Zulfiqar Ahmed	112	60	18.66
Mansoor Ali	104	53	19.62
Wahid Mahmood	104	53	19.62
Imtiaz Ahmed	104	53	19.62
A. H. Kardar	104	53	19.62
Wahid Mahmood	104	53	19.62
Shaukat Ali	104	53	19.62
Imtiaz Ahmed	104	53	19.62
M. F. Zaheer	104	53	19.62
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Also batted: Mohammad Aslam (16 and 18), Khalid Hasan (10 and 7).

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Here's A Plan To Help Big Cricket

Says DENIS COMPTON

Throughout this rain-ruined summer county cricket officials have consoled themselves with thoughts that a fine August might help clubs avoid a financial loss.

If the weather is good during the last weeks of the season, teams like Yorkshire, Derbyshire, and Surrey, all well in the running for the Championship, will draw big crowds at home and away.

Counties lower in the table have less reason to be optimistic, and many will wish their August fixtures had more special competitive interest to attract the spectators.

Fundamentally, cricket is in a healthy condition but, with so many counter-entertainments, I think any suggestions for increasing the public appeal of the first-class game should be studied.

WHY NOT?

I wonder: whether for a season or two a complete revision of the County Championship system could be tried with, for instance, the counties split into two Divisions, on a two-up and two-down promotion and relegation basis?

This would mean that towards the end of the summer nearly

every game would have some bearing on either a Championship or relegation—or even re-election!

The difficulty of making the original two divisions could be overcome by beginning the new competition in, say, 1956, with the positions in the ordinary Championship table of 1955 used as qualification.

The first nine counties next year, for instance, could form the First Division, the last eight comprising the Second Division, together with one of the Minor Counties, such as Devon, Durham, Norfolk or Bucks.

To allow in too many sides not at present ranked as first-class might lower the general standard, which would not be beneficial to the game but, as in football, any team which

regularly finished at the bottom of Division Two would be in danger of losing its place to a strong outside team seeking election.

Naturally such a drastic swing from the present arrangement would carry considerable snags.

Lancashire and Yorkshire might find themselves in different divisions with a resulting loss of probably their two largest crowds of the season.

Moreover, some smaller counties who look forward to the visit of teams like Yorkshire and Surrey for their biggest "gates" of the summer would feel a danger of losing these money-making contests.

MADE EASIER

On the other hand, by cutting the normal county fixture-list to half, the arrangement of more representative games would be made easier.

Instead of having only one Gentlemen v. Players match, which most cricketers agree is one of the most enjoyable of the season, the Oval Gent v. Players could be revived, and yet a third, and even a fourth, Gent v. Players fixed for other parts of the country.

The extra time could be used as well for the running of the Cup competition favoured by the MCC Select Committee several years ago but shelved because of the impracticability of running it.

In such a knockout, counties temporarily deprived of fixtures against their most attractive opponents would have a second chance of meeting them through the luck of the draw.

—(London Express Service).

JAPANESE SWIMMER SETS WORLD RECORD FOR 100M. BREAST STROKE

Tokyo, Aug. 18.

Motoki Kimura of Japan broke the world record for the 100 Metres Breast Stroke today in an international swimming meet at Osaka, Western Japan, with a time of 1 minute 10.6 seconds in a 50-metre pool.

He beat the record of 1 minute 11.2 seconds held by V. Minachkin of Soviet Russia.

Motoki Kimura is 16 years old.

He beat Masaru Furukawa of Japan whose time of 1 minute 12.2 seconds beat the existing Japanese record.

Knud Gleie of Denmark was equal third in the 100 Metres Breast Stroke with a time of 1 minute 13.5 seconds. He tied with Mamoru Tanaka of Japan.

Jacob Gjerding of Denmark took third place in the 50-metre

breast diving with 123.28 points. The event was won by Katsuchi Mori of Japan with 134.51 points. Yuku Baba was second with 125.42 points.

Bill Woolsey of the United States won the 200 Metres Free Style in 2 minutes 8.0 seconds.

He beat Kenzo Yoshimura and Atsushi Tani of Japan, who tied for second with a time of 2 minutes 0.8 seconds.

In the 200 Metres Butterfly event, Dick Fadden of the United States took fifth place with a time of 2 minutes 47 seconds.

He was beaten by Jiro Nagasawa, whose time of 2 minutes 30.4 seconds set a new Japanese record. Mamoru Fujie was second in 2 minutes 34.7 seconds.

T. Srayama of Japan was third in 2 minutes 38.8 seconds and Makoto Takeuchi of Japan was fourth in 2 minutes 40.7 seconds.

Miss Gail Peters of the United States broke the Japanese record in the 100 Metres Women's Butterfly stroke by winning the event in 1 minute 21.6 seconds.

The existing record of 1 minute 27.2 seconds is held by Chikuko Urakawa.

Ford Konno of the United States was pushed back to second place in the 1,500 Metres Free Style by Shintaku of Japan, who set up a new world record in the event earlier this month with a time of 18 minutes 29.2 seconds.

Today Shintaku won the event in 18 minutes 47.6 seconds. Konno completed the distance in 19 minutes 12.9 seconds. Takasaka Ohno was third in 19 minutes 17.5 seconds.—Reuters.

Gimcrack Stakes Probables

London, Aug. 18.

Eleven probable starters and jockeys for the Gimcrack Stakes to be run over six furlongs at York at 1430 GMT today are:

Summer Solstice (W. H. Carr), Scene Stone (J. Birrell), Subulides (E. Britt), The Pin (A. Roberts), Pappa Fourway (E. Smith), King's Shield (J. Sime), Courageous (P. Barlow), Le Dieu Dor (W. Snaith), Trouville (J. Power), Precinct (W. Nevell) and Cross Currents (T. Gosling). All carry 126 pounds.—China Mail Special.

CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 18.

The 217 women athletes taking part in the European Track and Field Championships here this month are required to present medical certificates stating that they are women.

Such certificates have been required for international championships by the IAAF ever since 1926. Koubkova, alias Zdenek Kovak of Czechoslovakia had to return numerous female who in girls' schools changed sex following a medical check on the sex.—United Press.

Landolt Beats Coates

Joe Landolt defeated club-mate and Hongkong Empire Games bowler, Alfred Coates by 21 shots to 12 in a Colony Open Lawn Bowls Singles match at the Hongkong Football Club yesterday.

The bowls provided was not quite up to standard but the battle for the first 13 heads was sufficiently close to make it an interesting match for the spectators present.

A feature of the match was the excellent umpiring furnished by P. Ragi, who gave a fine demonstration of correct lawn bowls refereeing despite a couple of puzzlers asked of him.

The match was a close one, with the lead changing no less than five times and being tied on three heads. Coates showed a tendency to be short, especially playing towards the Club house end and with Landolt, ready, willing and able to drive when the lie was against him, there was plenty of exciting and spectacular bowls seen.

ONLY ONE THREE

It was a ding-dong affair, with more two scored than singles and no close was the struggle that only one three was registered during the entire 19 heads played.

The position became tense on the 13th, when with the score tied at 11-11, and Coates lying two, Landolt drove hard and carried the jack into the ditch to take the lead with a single.

Two heads later, lying two in his favour, a heavy draw by Landolt carried the jack back to give him only one instead.

The heavy driving must have had some effect on Coates, for on the next head was short with all four woods. Landolt did not fall to take advantage of this and took a three to lead 16-12. With a single and two two Landolt ran out winner by a margin of nine shots.

LEAGUE BOWLS

The following will represent the Filipino Club in a First Division Lawn Bowls League match against the Recreio Whites this afternoon at Filipino Club, commencing at 5.30 p.m.

Dr. V. N. Aleniza, A. Bando, J. D. Cotto, W. C. Ogata, F. J. Rodriguez, C. M. Xavier, R. M. V. Ribeiro, B. Beto, M. T. Nolasco, A. H. Souza, C. A. Coelho, L. Silva.



Pakistan Struggle For First Innings Lead Against Canada

London, Aug. 18.

Pakistan, who yesterday beat England in the fourth Test, had to struggle for first innings lead against Canada on a day of fluctuating fortunes at Lord's here today.

Canada, playing their most important game of the tour, were sent in to bat on a damp wicket and were all out for 87 in 2½ hours.

Pakistan, who included nine of yesterday's victorious Test team, found it just as difficult to make progress and were at one time 88 for four, but an unbroken fifth wicket partnership of 89 by Ghazali and Wazir Mohammad enabled them to reach 92 for four by the close.

F. J. Cameron, the West Indies all-rounder, alone stood up to the Pakistani spinners in Canada's innings. He drove firmly during a stay of 90 minutes to score 30. Only two others reached double figures.

The steady spin bowling of Zulfiqar Ahmed and Shujauddin greatly troubled the Canadians, Zulfiqar getting four for 25 and Shujauddin three for 46.

Imtiaz Ahmed, the Pakistani wicket-keeper, followed his seven catches in the Test by stumping two men, catching two and helping in two run-outs.

Canada lost their first three men for 13 and Pakistan fared little better when they batted. Contending with bad light, which held up play several times, they lost their opening pair for five runs and two more fell with the total at 33—from successive balls by medium-pace Christen.

Despite bad light Ghazali and Wazir Mohammed stayed to-

No Priority For Sports Stadium For Singapore

Singapore, Aug. 18.

The Singapore Government will not give priority for the building of a sports stadium.

This statement was made by Colonial Secretary W. A. C. Goode in reply to a question put by Dr C. J. Paglar in the Legislative Council. Dr Paglar is a vice-president of the Singapore Olympic Sports Council. He said the provision of a stadium "will keep the youths of Singapore from falling prey to the forces of evil working against good citizenship."

The Colonial Secretary said, however, the Government would do better to provide more playing fields to keep the youth engaged than to have a stadium, in which "22 will be playing and 15,000 will be watching." Mr. Goode added, "I would prefer 15,000 youths play and 22 watch."

It is recalled that Singapore was among the etc. applicants that applied to host the 1958 Asian Games. Sports Council have been backing the stadium project since the 1940s. The building of a sports stadium was one of the main aims of the Singapore Sports Council when it was founded in 1946.

Around Hollywood With MICHAEL RUDDY

EXPENSIVE WATCHES WITH DIAMOND NUMERALS WERE ZEROED...

A "sneak" preview is usually considered top secret in Hollywood and mystery always surrounds the destination of the tins of film which leave the studio in a late afternoon bound for some unnamed town or suburb near Los Angeles.

Top-level executives are briefed in secret conclave while expensive watches with diamond numerals are zeroed and a rendezvous charted.

Early dinner in the executive (and very private) dining room is arranged. Sleek black Rolls-Royces and Cadillacs speed silently from the studio for the preview cinema. And heaven help the executive who has tipped off the Preps!

The "sneak" preview of Judy Garland's comeback film, "A Star is Born," was held last week at Warner's Huntington Park Theatre. From noon on, people began lining up for tickets.

I had a rendezvous with a friend at the Disney Studio to meet him there. He'd get the tickets for us and a party. The theatre was sold out. Most of the Hollywood columnists came early, brought a snack in a hamper, had coffee at the cinema cafe.

Judy Garland and Sid Luft, her husband, and producer of "A Star is Born," which took well over a year to film and reportedly cost over \$8,000,000, were there. An excited mob of fans cheered Judy when she came in, looking very nervous, eyes bright, excited, jittery.

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All right, "A Star is Born" is tremendous entertainment. It's Judy's greatest performance as the singer with a small band who becomes a star while the film star who discovers her, battles for her recognition, loves her, marries, drinks himself into disaster and suicide, played by James Mason, is a tour de force for the British-born actor.

Judy's acting, singing and dancing prove that she is one of the world's greatest entertainers.

In Cinemascope, "A Star is Born" has dimension and reality. It's the first Hollywood story, the story of an unknown's rise to stardom, that to me, after many years of living in the film capital, seems true.

The various characters have stature and dimension. The settings are real. Like the Shrine Auditorium where the Academy Awards were presented; the Santa Anita Race Course; Roberts Drive-In Restaurant in Hollywood, where Judy works as a car-hop-a waitress in shorts who serves customers in their cars; two churches in Beverly Hills and Warner Bros. Studios.

Charles Bickford as the studio chief and Jack Carson as the publicity director are characters who have their counterparts here today. "A Star is Born" cost over six million dollars. In order to break even, it must gross or earn \$12 million. Will it?

"Wonderful To Me" And the other big question in Hollywood is "A Star is Born" — Judy Garland's last movie? For many reasons... This I can tell you. Judy is anxious to return to Britain to do concerts and tour.

"I think my life began again at the Palladium. British people, God bless them, were so wonderful to me, wherever I appeared. London, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester, Liverpool—that I want to go back," Judy said to me when I had an exclusive interview with her during the first three months of the film.

"I would like to sing new songs for them. They gave me confidence that I needed and I felt that they really liked me."

DOLLAR-EARNER

Would you fly 500 miles to see a musical? Fifty of us did. We went in a specially chartered plane from Hollywood to San Francisco to see Mary Martin in the musical version of "Peter Pan."

It's a wonderful show, with Mary's daughter playing Wendy and musical comedy star Cyril Richard doing a steamroller Captain Hook... This "Peter Pan" is a dollar-earner for Britain.

Ray Milland will star in and direct "The Gunman" yes, sir, a Western. He'll ride and shoot in the best style.

Chaplin, with William Holden, who has returned from a European tour and personal appearances. "I have a greater respect for Europeans now that I have seen what they are doing and how hard they work. Their lives are much simpler than ours, and much more rigorous," he commented.

He's now an industry himself. His own company, owned four cinemas, has a 14-year contract with Paramount Studios and his salary for independent pictures is \$250,000 for ten weeks.

Hollywood is chuckling over "Sabrina" (based on the stage play "Sabrina Fair," now running in London). Humphrey Bogart takes Audrey Hepburn from Bill Holden in the third act.

Mr Bogart supports his screen success with Miss Hepburn by pointing to his private life. "I'm over 50 but my wife, Betty (Lauren Bacall) is only 29. Therefore why not on the screen?" he argues... You have a point there, Mr Bogart. With so many of today's male film stars around 50 years, why not?

Grete Garbo insists that she will not make any more pictures, despite reports from London and Paris that she is reading scenarios. She isn't. She's staying with a friend of mine.

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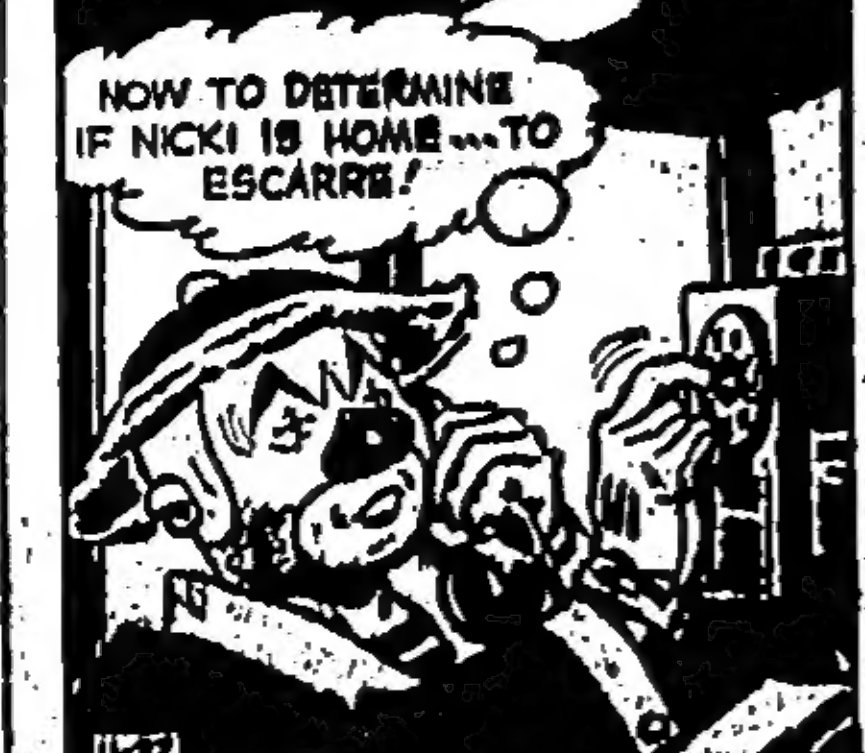
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Germany Regaining Traditional Brazilian Markets

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 18.

Recent surveys of trade exchanges between Brazil and West Germany seem to indicate that efforts made by other countries during the war years to usurp Germany's place as the traditional trading partner of Brazil have met with little success.

While the volume of trade done between the two countries is by no means back to prewar levels, it is growing so fast that it will not be long before those levels are reached.

An authoritative and thorough survey, published in the July edition of the semi-official magazine "Conjuntura Economica" recalls that their first trade agreement after the war was signed in August, 1950 and covered an annual exchange of goods totalling \$230,000,000, divided in equal parts between the two countries. The list of goods covered by the agreement was renewed in 1951 and 1952 and in October, 1953 it was extended for a further year. Its value was then increased to \$284,000,000.

Turning to recent trade between the two countries, Conjuntura says: "During the six months' period from October, 1953 to March, 1954 exports of Brazilian cotton reached the value of \$21,300,000. These exports were stimulated by finance granted by the Bank of Brazil and by the payment of a subsidy which made it possible for Brazil to meet 'competitive' prices."

IRON ORE
Iron ore exports, however, did not show the same development because world prices are weak and even with export subsidies, high production costs in Brazil make it difficult for this country to compete with other sources of supply. "Nor had exports of tobacco been heavy, probably due to competition and lower prices from Turkey and the United States."

"Coffee and cocoa were, however, by far the most important. The favourable position in these commodities, for which supply is much below demand, has resulted in record prices. "German purchases of coffee during the period was \$1,000,000."

Imports of machinery for industry in general, for instance, amounted to \$10,700,000 in the period under survey, while the annual quota amounts to \$17,000,000. Imports of agricultural equipment, excluding tractors, amounted to about \$922,000 for a quota of \$2,500,000, while imports of tractors amounted to \$581,000 for a quota of \$3,000,000.

"Imports of raw materials for industry were also important. Brazil's purchases of caustic soda and soda ash for Germany amounted to \$400,000, which is close to the total annual quota of \$600,000.—China Mail Special.

Secret Police Personal Files Annoy Greeks

Athens, Aug. 19.

The hitch which recently almost prevented "Miss Greece", 22-year-old Rika Dialyna from taking part in the International Beauty Queen contest in California, has aroused much public comment here over the so-called "personal files" kept by the Greek Security police and the way in which information contained in them is communicated to foreign intelligence services.

Miss Dialyna was refused a United States visa on the grounds that she had drawn the cover design of a Communist book. Only the personal intervention of Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, who granted her a temporary visa for the occasion, enabled "Miss Greece" to take part in the contest.

Ever since the days of the Metaxas dictatorship in 1936, throughout World War II and the agitated post-war period up to the end of the Communist guerrilla war in 1949, various police and gendarmerie departments have been compiling these files for people from all walks of life—politicians, workers, subversive agitators, journalists and even housewives.

Tens of thousands of such files are today piling up at security police headquarters, the Aliens department, even gendarmerie stations in some Greek villages. The "personal file" is a collection of the most varied information concerning the "national loyalty" of Greek citizens. The vicissitudes which Greece suffered since 1941 may justify the manner in which these police files were compiled. For at the peak of the fight against Communism, police officials had no time to investigate the truth of reports gathered from a wide variety of paid and unpaid informants.

INACCURACIES
Some of the files, therefore, contain the most amazing inaccuracies. In a recent article published in a pro-Government newspaper, it was reported that a Greek war correspondent in 1949, complained that the police

were shadowing him all the time and so preventing him from doing his work properly. He asked whether the authorities had any suspicions regarding his loyalty.

The Chief of Police declared that he did not know why the journalist was being watched, took him to the security police headquarters and asked the responsible officer there whether he had a "personal file" for the complaining newspaperman.

The file was there. It contained a single type-written slip of paper. The note said: "This man has anti-national feelings." It was unsigned and nobody knew who it came from.

SIMILAR CASES
Thousands of similar cases are reported every day. An official of the Ministry of Finance was recently dismissed. A special screening council purging the Ministry of unloyal employees alleged that this civil servant was involved in pro-Communist activities. Protesting strongly against the charge, the dismissed official produced a certificate for distinguished services, awarded to him for voluntary help given to a welfare organization which cares for the families of Greek soldiers who fought against the Communists.

Such files can be used inadvertently against any citizen who asks for a passport or applies for a certificate of loyalty to get a job. These may be refused without explanation, and often the victims have been innocent.

BURN FILES

Thousands of Greeks have been condemned in this way without knowing why. Senior Police officials do not deny that the large mass of files and the way in which they have been compiled, have created a problem which calls for immediate solution. What this solution should be varies according to the political views of those expressing an opinion on the issue.

Left-wing sympathisers have often claimed that "to restore democracy and end a police state in this country, all files should be burned." More conservative people urge a "revision" of the files. They should be scrutinised by objective police officers and magistrates, they say, and the unreliable and irresponsible reports contained in each file automatically removed and destroyed.

Whenever sound reasons for suspicion are found against citizens who have never given any grounds for police investigation, they add, the person concerned should be summoned and asked for an explanation.

COMMUNIST UPRIISING

There is no doubt that today, ten years after the end of World War II, and five years from the day when the Communist uprising was swept out of the country, a more moderate judgment would prevail in judging accusations contained in the "personal files" of the Police.

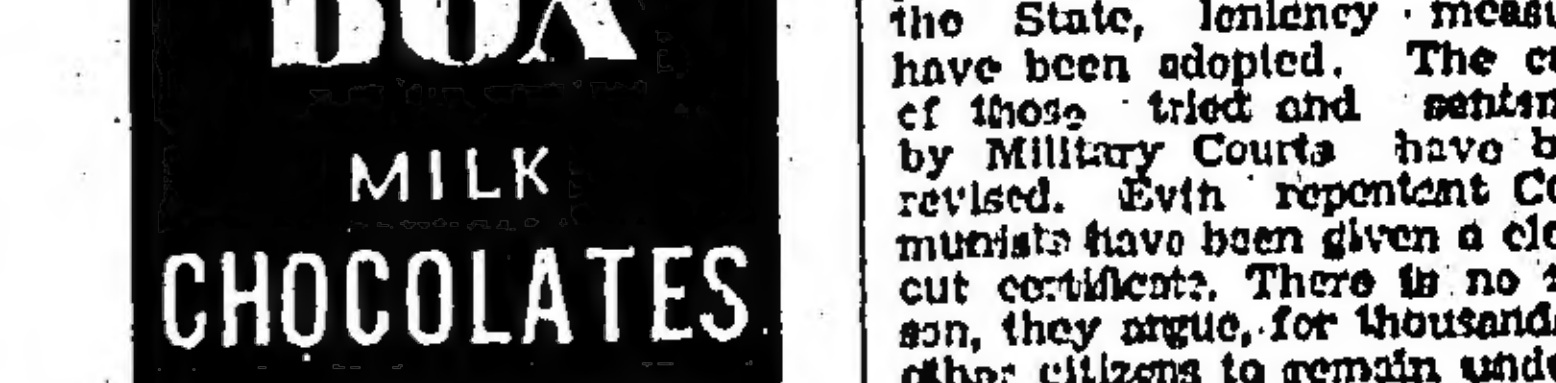
Objective observers stress that even for people guilty of plotting against the security of the State, leniency measures have been adopted. The cases of those tried and sentenced by Military Courts have been revised. Even repentant Communists have been given a clean-cut certificate. There is no reason, they argue, for thousands of other citizens to remain under a heavy sentence without having been given the chance to face an honest investigation.—Reuter.

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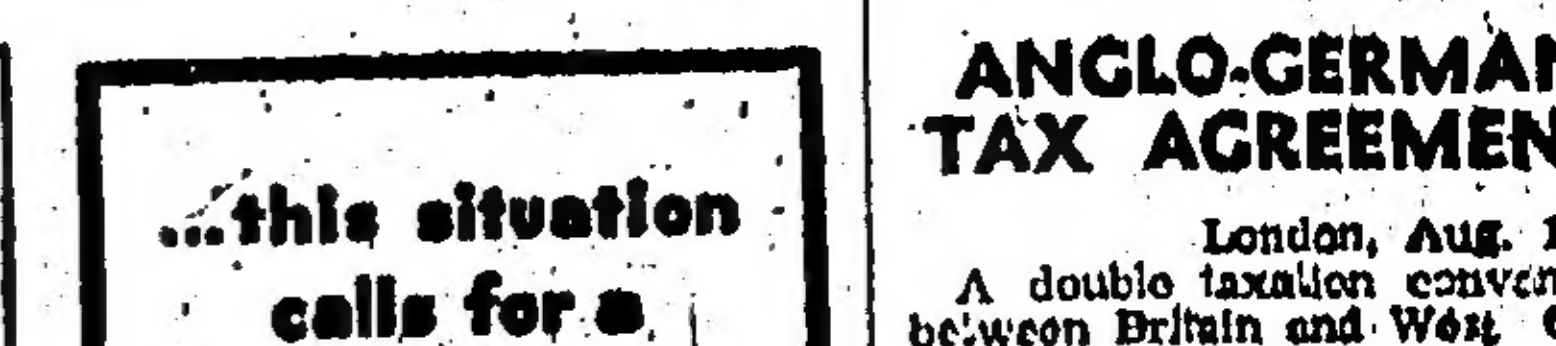
London, Aug. 18. A double taxation convention between Britain and West Germany providing for the avoidance of double taxation of income and profits was signed here today. The convention, which is subject to ratification, is intended to take effect in Britain from April 6, 1955.

In general, the convention is similar to those which Britain has already made with France and other European countries.—Reuter.

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